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SUBJECT: WEU ASSEMBLY: "SECURITY AND THE MEDITERRANEAN"  
RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED

1. SUMMARY. THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION ASSEMBLY ON JUNE  
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20 ADOPTED WITHOUT AMENDMENT A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS

BY ITS COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE QUESTIONS AND ARMAMENTS, WHICH CALLED FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A NATO PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AT LEAST EQUAL TO THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND FOR FRANCE TO RESUME "ITS FORMER COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN." FRENCH DELEGATES OPPOSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AS EXPECTED, THOUGH NOT SO VOCIFEROUSLY AND SUCCESSFULLY AS THEY DID A SIMILAR REPORT IN LAST NOVEMBER'S ASSEMBLY. END SUMMARY.

2. DECLARING "THAT THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO NATO AS THE BASIS OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE BOTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND ELSEWHERE," THE WEU ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE QUESTIONS AND ARMAMENTS (FRENCH UCDP SENATOR LOUIS JUNG, RAPPORTEUR) RECOMMENDED THE COUNCIL URGE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS:

(A) TO CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS OBSERVATION SATELLITE CAPABILITY UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL;

(B) TO ENSURE THAT THE INTENSIVE STUDY BEING CARRIED OUT IN NATO OF THE LESSONS WHICH THAT ORGANIZATION MIGHT LEARN FROM THE CONDUCT AND OUTCOME OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT COVERS FULLY THE USE OF ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES AND OBSERVATION SATELLITES; THE CONCLUSIONS TO BE DRAWN FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF NATO FORCES; AND THE DOWNGRADING OF THE CONCEPT OF POLITICAL WARNING OF IMPENDING HOSTILITIES;

(C) TO CALL ON ALL WEU COUNTRIES ABLE TO DEPLOY NAVAL FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN TO PROVIDE RECIPROCAL ACCESS TO ALL AVAILABLE BASES, AND TO CO-ORDINATE THEIR PLANS TO ENSURE THAT THE TOTAL NAVAL PRESENCE MAINTAINED BY NATO COUNTRIES IN THE OCEAN IS COMMENSURATE WITH THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION.

(D) TO MAKE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE MONTREUX CONVENTION OF 1936 IS CORRECTLY APPLIED, IN PARTICULAR SO THAT AIRCRAFT CARRIERS DO NOT PASS  
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THROUGH THE TURKISH STRAITS;

(E) TO PRESS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN NATO DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE RESUMPTION BY FRANCE OF ITS FORMER COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND BY TRANSFORMING THE PRESENT ON-CALL FORCE INTO A STANDING NAVAL FORCE, MEDITERRANEAN, WITH A SUBSTANTIAL EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION

AND WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCING IN APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. DEBATE ON JUNE 19 CENTERED UPON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND FRENCH COMMAND RECOMMENDATIONS. BRITISH DELEGATES WERE MOST ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE CALL TO MAINTAIN A STRONG WESTERN EUROPEAN NAVAL FORCE TO PROTECT THE OIL SUPPLY ROUTES. A DUTCH DELEGATE DEMURRED, SAYING THAT IT WAS ALL RIGHT FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS IN THOSE WATERS, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO INVOLVE NATO ITSELF, AS IT IS A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION. AS EXPECTED, FRENCH DELEGATES CHALLENGED

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THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT FRANCE RESUME ITS  
FORMER COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WESTERN MEDITER-  
RANEAN. THE REPORT BOWED TO FRENCH SENSITIVITIES IN  
SAYING THAT "AS NAVAL FORCES ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO NATO

IN PEACETIME, SUCH RENEWED COOPERATION WOULD NOT AMOUNT  
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TO INTEGRATION OF FRENCH FORCES INTO NATO, TO WHICH  
THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT REMAINS OPPOSED." THIS BALM DID  
NOT DETER FRENCH DELEGATE PIERRE-CHARLES KRIEG (UDR)  
WHO CLAIMED THE REPORT CALLED UPON FRANCE TO REINTEGRATE  
HER FORCES INTO NATO. SUCH INTEGRATION WAS NOT NECES-  
SARY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, KRIEG SAID, SINCE AS THE  
REPORT CLAIMED, THE AMERICAN SIXTH FLEET WAS MORE  
POWERFUL THAN THE SOVIET MEDITERRANEAN FLOTILLA. KRIEG  
WONDERED IF THE REPORT AIMED MORE AT POLITICAL THAN  
DEFENSE INTEGRATION.

4. ON JUNE 20 THE RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE  
ASSEMBLY, ALTHOUGH NO FRENCH DELEGATES VOTED FOR THEM.  
"AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE" (AFP) CALLED THE ADOPTION OF  
THE RECOMMENDATION A VICTORY FOR THE "ATLANTICISTS"  
WON OVER A "LIVELY FRENCH OPPOSITION." BUT IN FACT,  
FRENCH OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS IN THE FACE OF THE  
MEDITERRANEAN RECOMMENDATION WERE LESS DETERMINED THAN  
WHEN A SIMILAR REPORT WAS OFFERED BY THE COMMITTEE  
DURING THE NOVEMBER 1973 WEU ASSEMBLY. THIS YEAR, THE  
FRENCH DELEGATES PERMITTED THE RECOMMENDATION TO PASS  
AFTER PUTTING THEIR OBJECTIONS ON THE RECORD.

5. THE ASSEMBLY'S VOTE WILL HAVE NO INFLUENCE ON  
FRENCH MEDITERRANEAN DEFENSE POLICY. INFORMAL CO-  
OPERATION BETWEEN FRENCH AND OTHER NATO NAVIES IN THE  
MEDITERRANEAN, HOWEVER, IS ALREADY EXTENSIVE AND  
EFFICACIOUS. NEVERTHELESS, ASSEMBLY DEBATE AND TEXT  
OF REPORT ITSELF DEMONSTRATED THAT THE WEU PARLIA-  
MENTARIANS, CONCERNED ABOUT THE THREAT POSED BY SOVIET  
NAVAL POWER, RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN NATO  
DEFENSES NOT ONLY IN MARGINAL SEAS BUT IN THE INDIAN  
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